



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

Paper No. 7

Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vechione  
1 Riverfront Plaza  
Newark, New Jersey 07102-5497

**MAILED**

FEB 19 2002

Technology Center 2100

In re Application of: A. James Smith Jr. )  
Application No. 09/970,955 )  
Filed: October 4, 2001 )  
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR )  
SECURING A LIST OF )  
PASSWORDS AND PERSONAL )  
IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS )

DECISION ON PETITION TO  
MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37  
C.F.R. §1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. §  
708.02 (IV): APPLICANT'S AGE

This is a decision on the petition, filed November 28, 2001, under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(IV): Applicant's Age, to make the above-identified application special.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV must include a showing, as by a birth certificate or the applicant's statement, that the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more. No fee is required for this petition.

The petition includes a declaration by applicant, A. James Smith Jr., asserting that he is sixty five (65) years of age or more. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

Pinchus M. Laufer

Pinchus M. Laufer  
Special Programs Examiner  
Technology Center 2100  
Computer Architecture, Software, and Electronic Commerce  
(703) 306-4160